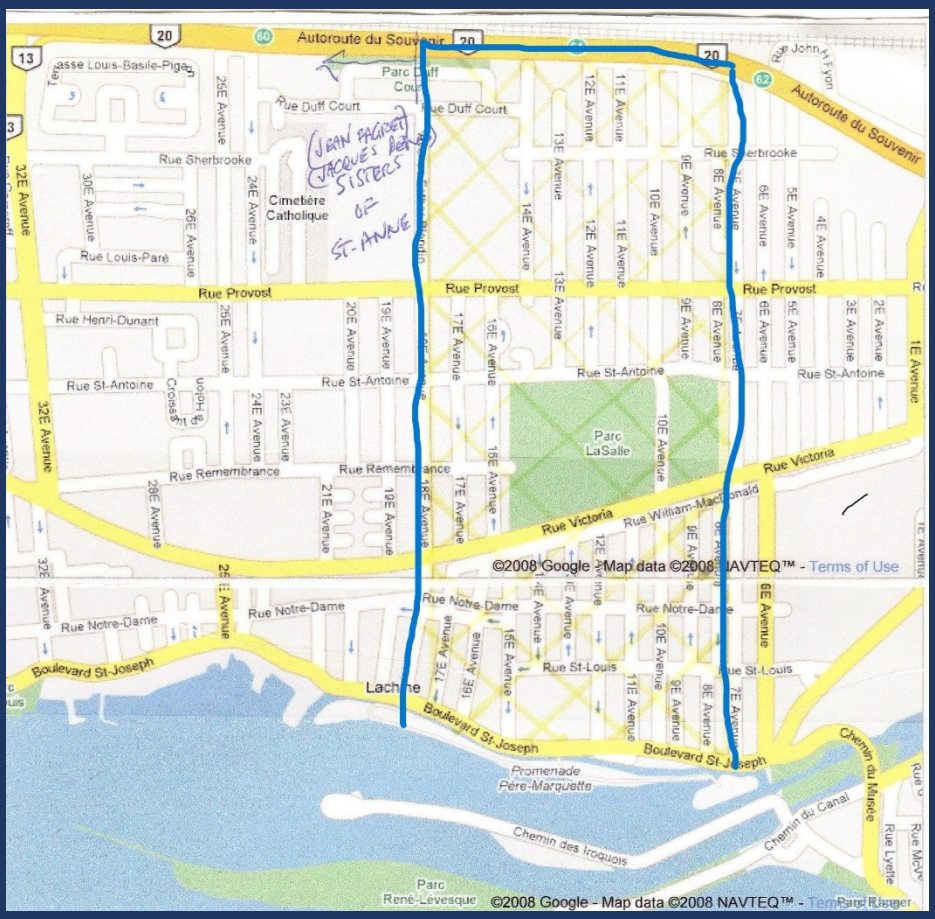
Lachine, Que.



The area in blue is the approximate area of land owned by Joseph Gauthier and his wife Charlotte. Given to him from the Catholic religious order, the Sulpician s in 1671. He had come to the new colony of New France from his homeland in France in 1666 to seek a better life.

Before he got married and settled down with his wife, he lived on Rene Cavalier De Lasalle property before the famous explorer left to seek new lands. Nothing on this contemporary map existed except for St. Joseph Street where his house stood at the cross road that led to Montreal and the lakeshore road. The Lachine canal was only an idea at the time. The colony s safe haven, nearby, Fort Remy, exists now only as a street name.

Pierre lived in peace on his lakeside property until 1689 when on a stormy night in August the colony was attacked by the rival native Iroquois and both Pierre and his

wife were taken as captives along with many others. His family would not see him for another for 9 years. He returned but his wife died in captivity. While he was gone his son in law, Denis St. Denis, lived in his house. Pierre died in 1703